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The Elba Clipper

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City of Elba passes ordinance controlling the legal sale of alcoholic beverages

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council took a hasty step Monday evening to comply with the wishes of a majority of Elba voters when it rescinded the local ordinance that bans the sale of alcohol in the City of Elba.

At the same meeting the council adopted an extensive ordinance allowing the sale of alcohol at the same time regulating the sale of off-premises beverages.

The new ordinance sets guidelines to control both on-premise and off-premises sales. The cost of business licenses for anyone wanting to sell alcohol is spelled out in this new ordinance.

Mayor James Grimes said he and the City Attorney reviewed similar ordinances from several towns and tried to pick the better parts from each city's ordinance.

Alcoholic beverages sold for off-premises consumption must

be contained in a bag in order to conceal the bottles, cans, carton or container.

There is a section in the new ordinance which prohibits nudging in establishments dealing in alcoholic beverages.

Monthly bills totaling \$20,751.20 were approved for payment. This included \$2,532.64 for election supplies on the wet-dry election \$1,874.47 on vehicle and equipment repair; \$495.51 for asphalt mix; \$7,857.30 for two police car cameras and \$895.00 for a police car radar.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that Dispatcher June Harrison is retiring.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham told council members that the street resurfacing project in Monroe Village is on schedule, in spite of the rainy weather.

A HEARING ON U. S. HIGHWAY 84 WIDENING was held Tuesday evening at the New Brockton Farm Center. The section under consideration this time is the area along 84 East, from Elba through the Shiloh community.

ABAMA DOT officials told interested property owners Tuesday night they couldn't project them an actual date for buying of their homes, but a safe guess would be late in 2003 or early 2004 for actually purchasing of real estate on this section of the 4-lane project. A lot of the timing could depend on problems that might crop up in this hearing and the availability of the necessary funding.

Humanity builds the dream of one Elba family

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Christmas is just around the corner, and it seemed only fitting Sunday, Dec. 8, that Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County held a dedication ceremony in honor of the Olean Smith Family home.

Construction has been underway for nearly a year, but Sunday afternoon outside the recently finished home Smith received one of the biggest Christmas presents she had ever gotten: the keys to her new home. This presentation came just one day shy of the one-year anniversary of the groundbreaking ceremony.

"Habitat for Humanity International has set before us a vision and a model to bring hope to others," Cotter said. "In spite of difficulties, we kept before us this vision that has

been completed in the home today."

To be successful in their mission, Habitat for Humanity board members will rely strongly on the community for donations of money and labor. On Sunday, these board members had nothing but praise for those who have helped make the dream of the Olean Smith home become a reality.

Cotter especially thanked those to the City of Elba for their help with the process.

"Because of your commitment, this family is given a hope for the future in a new way," Inman said. "Thank you for that hope!"

The Olean Smith home became the second home to be completed and dedicated Sunday by Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County. The first home was completed in Enterprise, and the board plans to continue its goal of

eliminating sub-standard housing in the area.

However, each member wanted to take a few minutes Sunday to enjoy the happiness brought by the completion of the Smith home.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this home, a gift from God," said board member Daniel Stephens.

After all, the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County is to build and renovate houses so there are decent homes in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all that God intended.

"You all have made me so happy," Smith said after receiving the keys to her home. "I'm so nervous right now and so blessed!!"

Local colleges set for mergers

Alabama College System Chancellor Roy W. Johnson is initiating a process that will merge Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College with MacArthur State Technical College and Enterprise State Junior College with the Ozark campus of Wallace Community College-Dothan.

The mergers will form Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and Enterprise-Ozark Community College, providing comprehensive community colleges that will be focal points for meeting the needs of students, businesses and industry. The mergers will consist of administrative consolidations to be followed by programmatic consolidations. The mergers will eliminate junior colleges from The Alabama College System, leaving only comprehensive community colleges and technical colleges.

"These mergers will result in three comprehensive community

The process of the two mergers

Please See MERGE, Page 3



Several Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County board members were on hand Sunday, Dec. 15, when Olean Smith received the keys to her new home. She is the second Coffey County recipient of a Habitat home. Those pictured (left to right): Beverly Inman, Rev. John Belcher, Jim Nichols, Billy Cotter, Olean Smith, Daniel Stephens and Helen Crittenden.

Smithite donation of the land in which the house was built.

In regards to others who worked to complete this project, board member Beverly Inman said, "Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County thanks each and every one for the many hours of planning and sweat that has made this home possible."

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Area Happenings

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Elba Clipper will observe special deadlines for the Dec. 26 edition of the paper.

U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE'S FARM SERVICE AGENCY has announced that sign-ups for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) for cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo producers will end on Friday, Dec. 13. The LCP is now available to livestock producers in all 67 counties. Eligible livestock producers should apply for LCP benefits at the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office by the deadline date.

THE ELBA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION and the Human Resource Development Commission are in need of new and used toys, clothes and other items that will be used as gifts for needy families in the 2002 Operation Santa Claus campaign. Families in Elba and the surrounding area have registered at the two agencies, and items are needed that would help make this Christmas a Merry Christmas for the less fortunate in the area. The public is encouraged to donate items that are still in working condition & can be repaired for a sound use. Items that are in good condition. Cash donations should be made to Operation Santa Claus and mailed to the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, 200 Main Street, Elba, Alabama 36323. Please mail or call 334-332-3311.

NOTICE

All other News and Advertising will be due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

Early deadlines will also be observed for the Jan. 2 edition of the paper due to the New Year's holiday. These deadlines will be announced later.

Approved a credit application to purchase an adjoining piece of property for the Senior Citizen Center in the Elba community.

The motion was made by Stephens, and he said the people of the community will pay

the county back for the purchase of the land.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Dec. 23, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex, in New Brockton.

Coffee County receives grant for paving of County Road 359

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted its business quickly Monday morning, Dec. 9, during its regular bi-monthly meeting with only a few matters being brought up for discussion.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), addressed the commission with an EMA update. Tallas covered several issues including a Department of Justice grant program, homeland security, a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan and disaster warning systems.

In regards to the warning systems, Tallas had news of increased numbers for the county.

However, in anticipation of the grant monies, Tindell requested the commission approve a resolution authorizing the chairman to enter into agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation to allow the paving of County Rd. 359.

Westbrook made the motion to that effect with a second from Commissioner Ernest Brooks, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Tindell also requested a resolution be approved to make County Rd. 359 a priority on the list of county roads to be paved contingent upon the 100 percent funding it will receive through the grant.

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Before moving on, Commissioner Jim Thompson confirmed with Tindell that he will have an additional crew working on other roads at the same time County Rd. 359 is being paved.

In other business, the commission

Approved a credit application at the county landfill for GM Roofing Inc. of Coffee Springs.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

December happenings at The Elba United Methodist Church

On Sunday evening, December 15, the Children's Choirs will present their Christmas program, "Meet Me at the Manager". This event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Children's Choir & the Youth Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Melinda Vaughan.

The Chancel Choir will present their special music during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.

The Chancel Choir is under the direction of Mr. Tommy Newman, pianist is Mrs. Nancy Branson, Organist is Mrs. Pam

Benefit Turkey and Skeet Shoot planned for Saturday, December 14, at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Benefit Turkey and Skeet Shoot will be held Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church (C.R. Rd. 239). Proceeds will go to benefit the needy and unemployed persons in the community.

Time to register for Spring Semester at ESJC

Now Enterprise State Junior College students can register for classes on the internet. An interested student who has been admitted to the college, can talk with a counselor or receive a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the counselor, he or she may register for the upcoming spring semester at the ESJC website. The 2003 Spring Semester Class Schedule and

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:18

Thinking of you praying for you. Verrie Barnes, Lovie Hooks, The Belcher, Davis, Caldwell and Young families, Lizzie Tyson, Wallace Belcher, Leo Henderson, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Johnnie M. Daniels, Lonzo Cook, Lance Cross, Annie M. Daniels, Carey Lindsey, Ruth Belcher, Joanne Ruth Belcher and Rev. Charles Lane.

***December Birthdays: Gladys Yelverton - December 8; Clara Wright - December 10; Cory Howe - December 10; Rashanda Wright - December 12; Julie Phillips - December 13; Moses Rodgers - December 15; and Alice Muriel Folmar December 15.

***Annual Christmas Program, Order of Service - Star Holland Beauty Chapter #619 will be held at Lily Hill Baptist Church in Brundidge, Ala. on December 20, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

***Youth Gospel Explosion, will be held at Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Elba. Alas. Classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th, 2002. On Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. there will be a mini gospel choir workshop.

The concert will be Saturday night. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

***A benefit program for Rev. H.D. Williams will be held at Perry Recreation Center in Ozark, Ala. on Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. All choirs, soloist, quartets, ministers, family, and friends are invited to help support this event.

***O Come Let Us Adore

Children & Youth Ministry to present Christmas drama at Mt Olive Baptist Church

"Do You See What I See", a Christmas drama, will be presented by the Children & Youth Ministry of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, on Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. Special musical Community Everyone is invited to attend.

Westside Baptist Christmas Cantata planned for Sunday, December 14

Westside Baptist Church will present their Christmas Cantata on Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m., and Dec. 15, at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to this time of worship and celebration.

The Blackwoods to be in concert Dec. 20-21

The Blackwoods will be performing December 20 at the Community Center in Elufia at 7:30 p.m. located at Elufia Community College.

The concert is being sponsored by Cho Community Church.

During the Thanksgiving holidays in November, 2002, Ernestine Kelley, Maria Duncan and Era Lindsey Belcher all of Elba had guests from Charlottesville, Va. They were: Donald Smith, Barbara and Quinton Thomas Parker, Deborah and Rene Mary "grandma" Fitch and Clarence Fitch.

Sara Anderson Huntley and Betty Newton of Stuart, Fla. were visitors in the home of Era Lindsey Belcher, Elba after the funeral of Mrs. Vick E. Lindsey Watson formerly of Elba and Stuart, Fla. Saturday, November 30, 2002. Mrs. Watson was the sister of the late Tillman Lindsey.

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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Andy Marler, Pastor
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
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Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
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John L. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Rev. Andrew Smith
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Robert Darin, Pastor
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Danny Sherer, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
R. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF GOD
R. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
R. G. Morris-Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Ron & Mary Simmons, Pastors
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 7:30 p.m.

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Nathaniel Flaming, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charlie K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

HERBON TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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John L. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ron McLean, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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NEW BROWNTON METHODIST CHURCH
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WOODY CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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NEW ERNEST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Character Trait

by Meredith English

This week's character trait is courage. Webster's dictionary defines courage as mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. It is easy to become discouraged - or depressed because of a pessimistic comment or action, but remember, everyone has "one of those days". So just because things do not go your way, be courageous and face it head on.

Here are a few of those people who said "Bring it on!"

- During its first year of business, the Coca-Cola Company sold only 400 cans.

- Michael Jordan, basketball superstar, was cut from his high school basketball team.

- Dr. Seuss's first children's book, *An Elephant and a Pail in the Mud*, was rejected by 27 publishers. The 28th publisher, Vanguard Press, sold 6 million copies of the book.

- In 1902, the poetry editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* returned the poems of a 28-year-old poet with the following note: "Our magazine has no room for your vigorous verse." The poet was Robert Frost.

- John Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress* while confined to a Bedford prison cell for his views on religion. Sir Walter Raleigh wrote the *History of the World* during a 13-year imprisonment, and Martin Luther translated the Bible while confined in the Castle of Wartburg.

- After Thomas Carlyle lent the manuscript of the *French Revolution* to a friend whose servant carelessly used it to kindle a fire, Carlyle went to work rewriting it.

- In 1905, the University of Bern turned down a doctoral dissertation as being irrelevant and fanciful. The young physics student who wrote the dissertation was Albert Einstein, who was disappointed but not defeated.

Editor:
Sheena Flowers

by Kaci Grantham

The Farm City Choir performed at this year's Farm City Banquet. The banquet was held on November 21. Mrs. Sandra Coffey was the coordinator. Students throughout the county participated. They attended many practices in preparation for the banquet. Students practiced in Enterprise's music room and later attended a practice at the farm center in New Brockton. The students from Elba who participated were: Braxton Person, Danae Ware, Randy Miller, Tierry Starkes, Jonathan Lockett, Marissa Williams, Catina Washington, Tamra Oliver and Latoya Vison. It was a great experience for all of those who attended. Congratulations to all students involved in the Farm City Choir!

Lady Tigers participate in tournament

by Shawna Hill

For the Thanksgiving Tournament, the Elba Lady Tigers went up against G.W. Long.

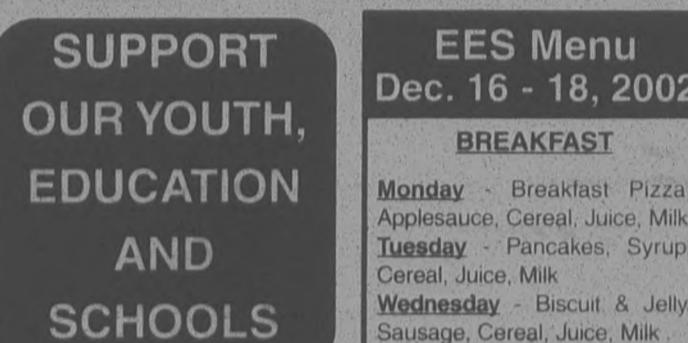
They came out with their faces painted and determination in their hearts. The Lady Tigers fought hard for every second to win but unfortunately things didn't work out as planned, leaving Elba with a loss.

The artistic club, so far, has been a great success. The kids enjoy it and are learning a lot. Congratulations to Mrs. Siler, McCollough and the club members into the Christmas spirit. They will be taught how to use fabric paint, and make Christmas sweaters.

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Graduation
by Jessica Lauren Hathcock
(My feelings on graduating)

My life is going by so fast
I want to go slow
But it's rolling right past
I wave good-bye to the world that was shelter
And plumb straight ahead
Into a dark misty future
So long oblivious carefree days
Lying around and playing in the shade
Though it's not a choice
That I have made
Life goes on and will change
Nothing will remain the same
Still I cling to what was safe and true
Though I know I must leave
To find something new



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Jessica Hathcock). The picture of innocence.

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And while your electric cooperative can help make this season a little brighter, a little warmer, a little more magical, we know the most important light is the one you keep in your heart.

From where we stand, that's the most powerful light of all. Because together, we shine as one.

ELBA WATER & ELECTRIC DEPT.
Contact: James E. Grimes @ Ph. No. 897-2333

EHS senior becomes published poet

by Brittany Cooper

On Aug. 3, 2002, Jessica Lauren Hathcock, a senior at Elba High School, found out that one of her poems would be published in *The Best Poems and Poets of 2002* by The International Library of Poetry. She was chosen for this distinguished honor because of her previous outstanding achievements and awards. She has won the following awards: The International Poet of Month Award, Poetry Committee's Creative Award, and Poetry Editor's Choice Award.

When asked how she felt about her achievement, she said: "This is a wonderful opportunity to share my art and my vision of word with fellow poets and poetry lovers. Poetry is my outlet of escape. I believe painting just brushes the outside of beauty while poetry takes a deeper look."

And with that note here is Jessica's poem:

Endless

Fallless Nights Winter Days
Fall leaves turned to dust and decay
Melting snow now black with dirt
Dark harsh skies cold and alert
Misty mornings Fog rolls in
Swallowing whole the small dead town
Lost in winding roads never found
Closed behind a run covered gate
In my mind sound asleep
Yet wide awake



Jessica Hathcock

Mrs. Claus to read at E.E.S. Library Dec. 12

On Thursday, Dec. 12, from 6:30 p.m., the E.E.S. Library will be open to students and parents for reading time. During this time, Mrs. Claus will visit the library and will read to the children. Mrs. Claus is looking forward to visiting Elba and expects to find many eager children ready to listen to her favorite Christmas stories. Renember parents...this is an opportunity for you to meet with Mrs. Seay, the Media Specialist, and Mrs. Cook, the Reading Coach, as well as several other teachers who will volunteer for the evening.

Letters to the Editor:

by Sheena C. Flowers

Once again, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun and her seventh grade enrichment class have written letters to the editor, which just happens to be me (People, please hold your applause.) Their assignment was to write something nice about Elba High School.

Dear Editor,

First let me say that "Tiger Tales" is the only page I ever read! I'm a seventh grader and my name is Sam Williams. I really like Elba High School. The teachers here are pretty nice. They can sometimes be annoying, but that is okay. Lunch is pretty cool now that we have short order lines too. Lockers are another thing I like. Elba High is definitely the best school in Alabama.

Sam Williams

Dear Editor:

There are three things I like about high school. The first thing is the band. I like the band because I get to spend time with my friends. The second thing is break, you get out of class and eat some snacks with my friends. Last, but not least, I like "Tiger Times," because it is cool and funny.

Amber Coleman

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to tell you I enjoy being in the seventh grade. I like to get involved in everything. I also like reading lots of books because books take you places you never would have dreamed of being.

Martin McCormick

Dear Editor:

What I like most about high school is break, lunch and the "Tiger Tales" page in the Elba Clipper. I like break because it is a good time to associate with all your friends and have a snack and a drink. I like lunch because it is also a good time to associate with all your friends. I like the "Tiger Tales" page because it is nice and neat, and you're doing a very good job!

Desire Parks

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Brittany Cooper



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EES Menu
Dec. 16 - 18, 2002
BREAKFAST
Monday - Breakfast Pizza, Apeapple, Orange Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
Monday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Style Vegetables, Ice Cream, Milk
Tuesday - Turkey Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, English Peas, Cranberry Bread, Candied Yams, Bread, Milk
Wednesday - Students will be Dismissed at 11:20 a.m. for the Christmas Holidays

In this week's spotlight is junior Britany Smith. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Donna Newman and Tim Smith.

Brittany works as a waitress at Josie D's. In her spare time, she goes out and has fun with friends and loves racing.

Brittany is a member of Beta Club, Spanish Club, and Mu Alpha Theta.

Congratulations to Britany!

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The time has come for Mom and Dad to do some Christmas shopping, but the problem is that every time we head out the girls want to join us. If we were going to the grocery store or just heading out for a ride they wouldn't even think of going with us. However, now that the holiday season is here it seems they want to make certain they don't let us out of their sight. Maybe one day they will follow us to the laundry room!

PASSING THOUGHTS ON A BUSY WEEK IN SPORTS....

*** The Elba Tigers opened the basketball season last week and after three games the Tigers stand at 0-3. Elba played good enough on defense to win in all three games, but the Tigers have yet to find their shooting touch from the outside and it showed as they averaged less than 44 points a game in the three losses. Probably their best outing of the week came Friday night over in New Brockton where the Tigers rallied from fifteen points down to grab the lead midway through the fourth quarter. The Tigers were without the services of three starters and were forced to play three freshmen throughout the game, but the young Tigers never backed down from the challenge and almost led the way back to what would have been an unbeatable win. Elba is going to struggle at times early in the season and its record might get worse before it gets better. However, Coach Bledsoe is doing things the right way and his youngsters will get better and better as they gain experience.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers defeated New Brockton on Saturday night for their first win of the season and it was a very good win for the youthful bunch of Lady Tigers. Elba started two seniors and gets a lot of quality time from both, but the team gets very young, very quickly after that, and it is fun watching the girls gain confidence as they gain experience. The Lady Tigers look to shoot from behind the three-point line and love to run up and down the court, and win or lose they always give it all they have.

*** Possibly the surprise teams of the early season are the New Brockton Gamecocks and the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. The Gamecocks struggled to three win seasons the last two years and were given up for dead, but Coach Brad Garner has led his team to four wins already in the season and the Gamecocks have depth and more than enough talent to win their share of games. These guys have a real shot at posting a winning record! Down in Kinston Coach Keith Smith has guided his Lady Bulldogs to four straight wins and a tourney title, and this season the Kinston fans get at the gym early to watch the girls play. The Lady Bulldogs may not be the most talented team around, but they play hard on both ends of the court and play like they expect to win every time they hit the court. The girls from Kinston made it to the region playoffs last season and are track again.

*** The 20th annual Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle Prep Holiday Classic will tip off Dec. 26-31 at the Dothan Civic Center and this year the Elba Tigers will join in on the fun at the annual event that benefits the area schools and gives the fans a chance to see some of the top high school players in the area compete. Last year the sixteen schools that participated split over \$34,000 in ticket sales from the event, and with a very competitive field back this year, the gate could be even higher. Teams in the tourney include Dothan, Pleasant Home, Barbour County, Whitefield Academy, Abbeville, Northview, Dadeville and Griff Shores and there can be little doubt that the action will be outstanding from the opening tip to the final buzzer. All true high school basketball fans have to mark their calendars and make a trip over to Dothan to see some of the action at this great tournament.

*** Okay, now on to Coach Fran. My dad told me years ago I headed off into the world that loyalty doesn't pay on the table or clothes on your kids back, and from that viewpoint I don't blame former Alabama Coach Eddie Franchise for heading off to Texas A & M. However, I agree with columnist Paul Finebaum when he wrote last week that the coach's departure "could have been done with a modicum of class." Finebaum wrote that the former Bama coach handled the situation with the "guts of a cat burglar," and the ego of Bill Clinton and the morals of a French Quarter cootie," and nothing could be more true. Franchise met with his players after the Tide was put on probation and conned them into believing that they should stick together and work through the NCAA punishments to put the Alabama program back on top. Well, at least the players were listening, because Coach Fran didn't hear a word of what he was saying. The coach denied until the last day on the job that he was interested in leaving for Texas A & M, and that had to be a concern since multi-million dollar positions aren't handed out in one hour meetings. Alabama played football now before Franchise arrived and it will play football now that he has left, and I have a gut feeling that this time the Tide will rise even higher. Coach Fran - good riddance!

NOTICE

CITY PRIVILEGE LICENSES
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JANUARY 1, 2003

And Will Be Delinquent

FEBRUARY 1, 2003

There Will Be A Penalty Fee Plus Interest
Charged If Not Paid By Due Date !

Municipal Ordinances require that all persons engaged in any exhibition, trade, business, vocation, occupation, profession or calling or doing any action specified within the corporate limits/police jurisdiction of THE CITY OF ELBA are subject to a BUSINESS LICENSE.

CITY OF ELBA
WAYNE GRANTHAM
CITY CLERK

Close out winless week on court

Tigers tripped up by Gamecocks 52-48

The Elba Tigers closed out a winless week on the court Saturday night with a hard fought 52-48 loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-3 record on the young season, while the Gamecocks improved to 4-2 with the win.

Elba puffed ahead early behind the inside scoring of Marchelle Reed and an inside basket by LaRay Williams helped Elba get back within nine at 37-28 midway through the quarter, while Bart Barnes connected on a three-pointer late as the Tigers pulled within 40-35 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Gamecocks tipped their lead to 43-35 early in the final stanza on a three-pointer by Randy Danford. However, the Tigers were ready to rally, and led by the inside scoring of Marchelle Reed and a driving lay up by Kyle Williams, English scored six straight points to pull within 43-44 with 6:26 left on the clock. Reed drew his fifth foul with 5:23 remaining, but the Tigers refused to quit and sparked by the play of freshman Brandon Kelley and LaRay Williams cut the Gamecock lead to 44-43 with 4:17 left in the game.

From inside in the second quarter and helped the Tigers pull within 18-12 with 6:17 remaining, and Elba hung close throughout the opening minutes of the quarter as a basket by Brandon Kelly with 3:55 left cut the Brookton lead to 21-16. New Brockton answered the mild Elba rally with another free-throw line when Travis Slawson hit both ends of a two shot foul with 2:27 remaining. Donnell Foster and Slawson added four additional points from the line later in the quarter as the Gamecocks increased their lead to 52-45 with 24:47 and a late three-pointer by Brandon Kelly wasn't enough from the line for the Tigers.

Marchelle Reed scored 15 points to lead Elba, while LaRay Williams scored 8. LaNorris Smith led the Gamecocks with 15 points. The Gamecocks missed 19 free-throws in the game, but still won the contest at the free-throw line as they hit 18 of 37, compared to 3 of 9 from the line for the Tigers.

Elba Tiger freshman LaRay Williams heads up court in Saturday's 52-48 loss to New Brockton. The Tigers will return to action today (Thursday) in the opening round of the Andalusia Christmas Tournament at 4:00 against Enterprise.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 120902B

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, has determined in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens and the City to adopt an ordinance to regulate the sale, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the Corporate City limits and Police Jurisdiction.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Elba as follows:

That Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Elba is hereby amended by adding Section 6-1 through 6-62 as set out fully below.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ARTICLE I

IN GENERAL

Sec. 6-1 Definitions. Whenever used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them.

Alcoholic beverages: Any alcoholic spirituous, vinous, fermented, or other alcoholic beverage, or combination of liquors and mixed liquors, a part of which is spirituous, vinous, fermented, or other alcoholic and all dinks or drinkable liquids, preparations or mixtures intended for beverage purposes, containing more than one-half (1) percent by volume of alcohol by volume and shall include liquor and beer, wine, malt or brewed and table wine.

Alcoholic beverage control law: Title 28 of the Code of Alabama, 1975.

Alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption: Except for beer and wine, no alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption shall be sold, furnished or given away in the city by any city alcoholic beverage retail liquor license or under any city alcoholic beverage store license.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board: The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the State of Alabama, a state agency.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board: A reputable place licensed as a restaurant, operator of a food service establishment, or a federal, state, or local government entity.

Alcoholics Anonymous: A limited partnership, or any form of unincorporated enterprise owned by two (2) or more persons.

Beer lounge: A place at which malt or brewed beverages are licensed by the state alcoholic beverage board to be sold or served.

Beverage license: A person licensed by the state alcoholic beverage control board to sell or serve liquor to consumers.

Beverage store: A liquor store operated by ABC Board members.

Brewer: Any person licensed by the state alcoholic beverage control board to sell or serve beer to consumers.

Cafe: Any place of eating, drinking, or social recreation where alcoholic beverages of all types may be offered for sale or for premises consumption only but which does not include a restaurant, hotel, or inn.

Chamber of commerce: The chamber of commerce of the City of Elba.

Church: Shall mean an entire house or structure set apart primarily for use for purposes of public worship, where such church is tax exempt under the laws of this state, and in which religious services are held, whether by a clergyman, his associates, or laymen, and the services are kept for that end and not put to any other use inconsistent therewith.

Corporation: A stock association organized under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, or dominion of the United States.

Engaged in business: A wholesaler, retailer, or any form of unincorporated enterprise owned by two (2) or more persons.

Established place: A place at which malt or brewed beverages are licensed by the state alcoholic beverage board to be sold or served.

Beer licensee: A person licensed by the state alcoholic beverage control board to sell or serve malt or brewed beverages to consumers.

Caption: The package, container or containers in which alcoholic beverages are packed, prepared or shipped to the manufacturer, its designated representatives, or distributor.

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Furnished wine or vintage liquor: Any wine containing more than 14.5 percent alcohol by volume but not more than 24 percent, or such other percentage as may be established by the Legislature of Alabama.

Furnished wine: Liquor.

Hotels: Building or buildings held to be available for temporary accommodations of travelers or transients, and shall include motel and bed and breakfast, but shall not include a rooming house or rooming house.

Importer: Any person, association or corporation engaged in importing, advertising, selling, or distributing, or beer, manufactured outside the United States of America, into this state or for the sale or distribution in this state, and who shall be deemed "engaged in business" in the city or within the police jurisdiction of the city if such person has a fixed place of business thereon, or if pursuant to agreement of sale, lease, or otherwise, such person delivers beverages regulated by this chapter within the city or within its police jurisdiction.

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Licensed premises: Any portion of a building or structure, or any part thereof, or any room, hall, or other area accessible to the public, employees, owners, licensees or agents of licensees, together with the furniture, fixtures, equipment, and any living quarters contained therein.

Liquor: Any spirituous, fermented, or distilled liquid, preparation or mixture intended for beverage purposes which contains more than one-half (1) percent by volume of alcohol by volume except malt or brewed beverages and table wine.

Liquor licensee: Person to whom a license is issued by the state alcoholic beverage control board to sell or serve malt or brewed and table wine to consumers.

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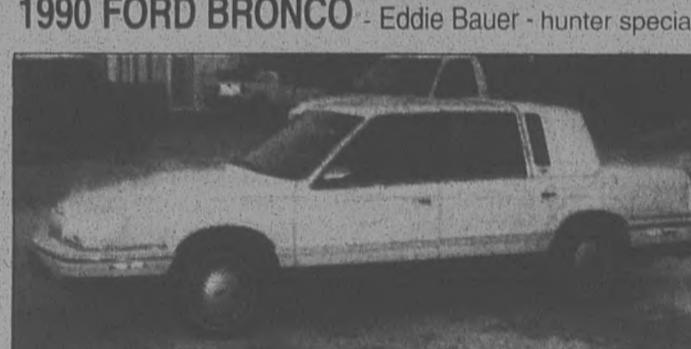
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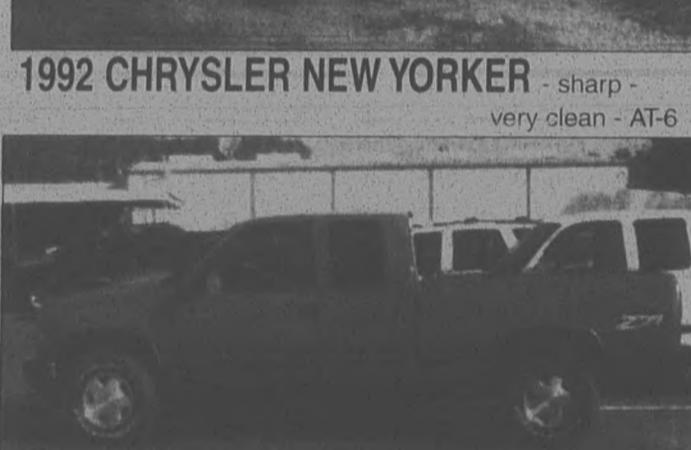
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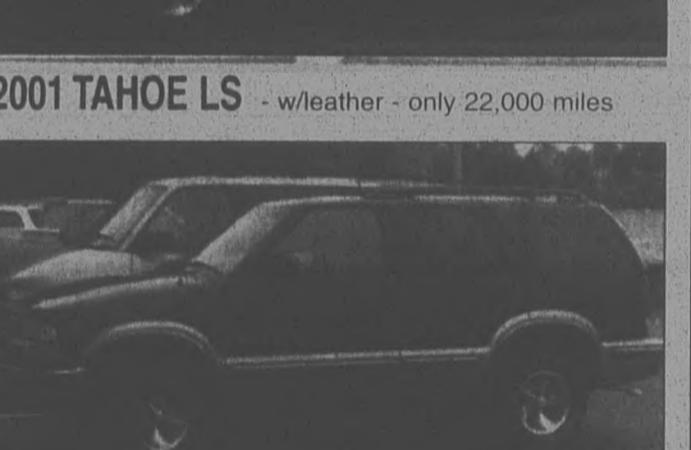
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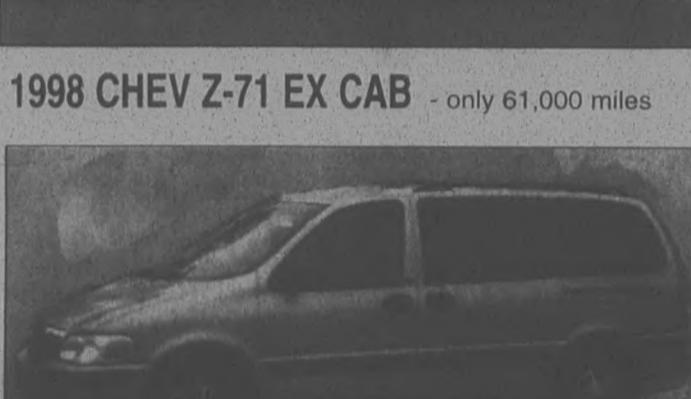
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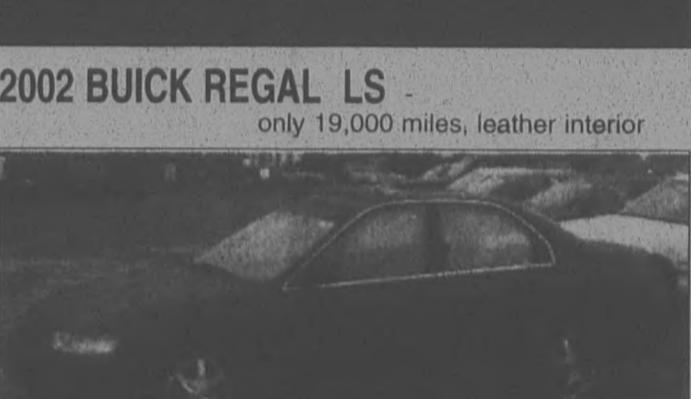
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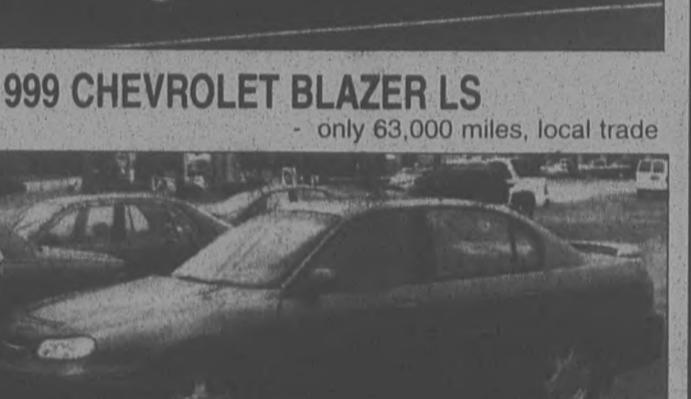
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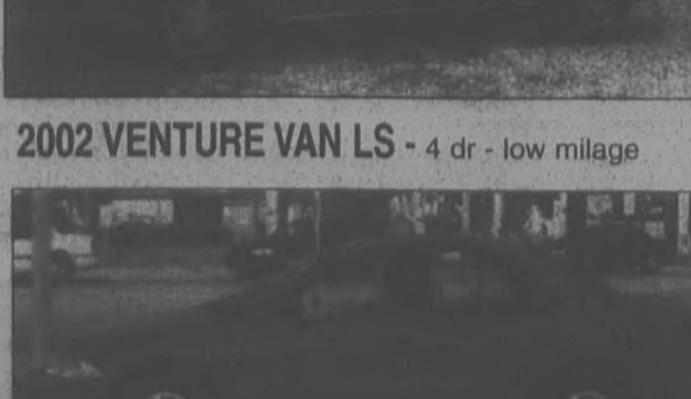
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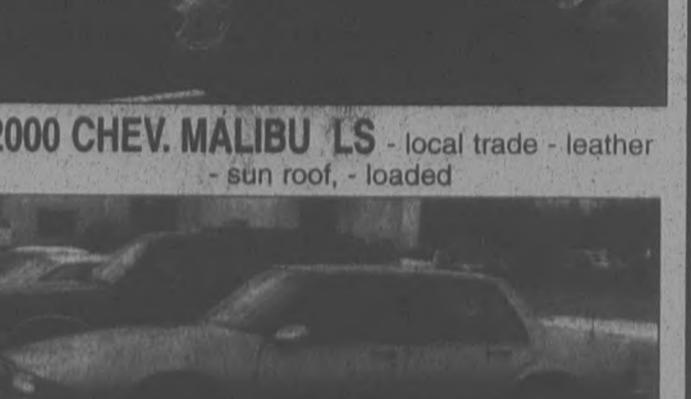
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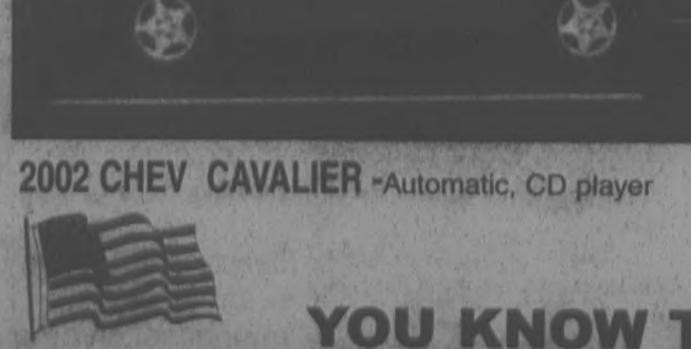
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